GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF EYE SPECIALISTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a shortage of eye specialists in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of measures taken by the Government to encourage study of ophthalmology to meet in shortage of eye specialists?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): No, Sir. There are more than 11,000 qualified eye surgeons in the country with a ratio of one eye surgeon per one lakh population. Besides MS and DOMS courses in various Medical Colleges of the country, post graduation in ophthalmology can be undertaken through National Board of Examinations in various recognised institutions of the country.